

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL: ER 688408181 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHED et al.
S/N: To be assigned
Filed: Contemporaneous Herewith
Entitled: Apparatus and Method for Recovery
and Recycle of Optical Fiber Coolant Gas

Group No.: To be assigned
Examiner: To be assigned
Atty. Dkt.: M02A270-DIV

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

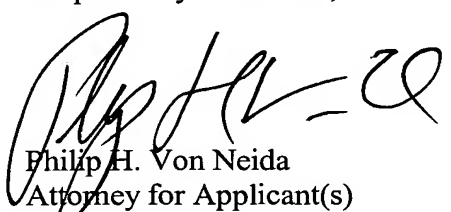
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in the above-referenced Application, together with Form PTO/SB/08A which lists all references cited.

This IDS is being mailed within three (3) months of filing of the above-captioned Application, if it is a National Application, or within three (3) months of entering, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491, the national stage of the above-captioned Application, if the above-captioned Application is an International Application. Therefore, consideration of the IDS by the Patent and Trademark Office, without the payment of any additional fee, is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2865 if any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is deemed necessary for the accompanying references to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: JANUARY 22, 2007
The BOC Group, Inc.
Legal Services - Intellectual Property
575 Mountain Ave.
Murray Hill, NJ 07974
(908) 771-6469


Philip H. Von Neida
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 34,942

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Compleat if Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	SHED et al.
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	M02A270-DIV

Sheet 1 of 2

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	1	US- 4 437 870	03-20-84	Miller	
	2	US- 4 514 205	04-30-85	Darcangelo et al.	
	3	US- 4 594 088	06-10-86	Paek et al.	
	4	US- 4 664 689	05-12-87	Davis	
	5	US- 4 838 918	06-13-89	Vaughan et al.	
	6	US- 4 894 078	01-16-90	Takimoto et al.	
	7	US- 4 913 715	04-03-90	Jochem et al.	
	8	US- 5 160 359	11-03-92	Strackenbrock et al.	
	9	US- 5 314 515	05-24-94	Cain	
	10	US- 5 377 491	01-03-95	Schulte	
	11	US- 5 452 583	09-26-95	Schulte	
	12	US- 5 897 682	04-27-99	Koaizawa et al.	
	13	US- 6 092 391	07-25-00	Chludzinski	
	14	US- 6 125 638	10-03-00	Ji et al.	
	15	US- 6 142 343	11-07-00	Wade et al.	
	16	US- 6 142 393	11-07-00	Kotyk	
	17	US- 6 223 919 B1	05-01-01	Kuehn	
	18	US- 6 345 451 B1	02-12-02	Arslanian et al.	
	19	US- 2001/0047722 A1	12-06-01	Volk	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ *Number ⁴ *Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	20	EP 1 136 456 A2	09-26-01	Air Products & Chemicals		
	21	EP 1 316 535 A2	06-04-2003	The BOC Group		

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Complete if Known

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	2	of	2
-------	---	----	---

Attorney Docket Number

M02A270-DIV

[illegible][illegible]Date
Considered

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.